

BUSY OTTO CANNED ACARETAKER, THEN WROTE CONFESSION

Penned Story for Detective of
How He Roamed Through
Edey House.

HELD IN \$5,000 BAIL.

Attended Sunday School and
Neighbors Say He Courted
Minister's Daughter.

It appeared from the general tenor of a confession penned in his own hand and written and produced with himself in Yorkville Court today that seventeen-year-old Otto Von Howe, who stopped not at winning Rollo Books in Sunday school, but even aspired to the hand of a minister's daughter, has been leading something of a dual life.

Otto, a tall, fair-haired, gangling youngster with dreamy eyes, did not have much to say when he was arraigned on a charge of first degree burglary; he let his works—written at the East Fifty-first street police station last night under the personal supervision of Detective Van Twiesten—speak for him.

By his own admission Otto is the "hard-faced man with the big gun" who looked up Frederick Edey's caretaker in an airtight, bombproof closet on July 22 and then enjoyed an uninterrupted tour of the Edey home at No. 10 West Fifty-sixth street, collecting and removing \$200 worth of valuables.

Detective Van Twiesten, who saw it was up to him to do the talking, and who, by the way, had rescued the caretaker from his airless prison, told of his long, long search for the man who stole the Edey jewels. And where do you suppose he found him? Canada? Catakill? Mexico? Hot Springs? No, indeed. Right next door to the Edey house at No. 8 West Fifty-sixth street, which has been occupied during the summer by Otto and his mother, in the capacity of caretakers.

OTTO GOT WRITER'S CRAMP AND QUIT.

"Otto has been identified by Meyers, the caretaker, as the man who locked him up," said Van Twiesten. "I went to his home last night and it was long before I could see he was about ready to confess. So I took him around to the 'house' and made him comfortable with pen and ink and lots of paper. I tried to get him to write another story when he had finished—a story of how some one had forged the name of Mrs. Forbes, his mother's employer, to a check for \$100. I told him I knew he had carried \$150 around to the Security Bank and opened an account shortly after the forgery was committed, but he said he 'had writer's cramp already.'"

In his Raffles story, as presented to the Court, Otto said he had jimmied a window on the fifth floor of the Edey home. Not that he used a Fire Department ladder or an aeroplane. He just stood on the Forbes roof and leaned over a narrow court. He looked Meyers up, he explained, because the caretaker threatened to become a "nuisance." For good measure he added that a canvass of Third avenue pawnshops probably would result in the discovery of the stolen property—a watch, a locket and several trinkets.

William A. Ferguson, an attorney, was in court to tell what a nice boy Otto had been in the five years of their acquaintance. Otto, he asserted, had made a record for himself in Sunday school. In spite of this plea and the tears of the boy's mother, Von Howe was held in \$5,000 bail for further examination on Tuesday.

Some of Mrs. Von Howe's neighbors said that Otto had been "keeping company" with a girl whose father is a preacher.

BOY WHO KILLED SISTER
IS DAZED IN COURT ROOM.

Dry-Eyed and Unmoved, 11-Year-Old
Slayer Is Arraigned After
Begging Father to Kill Him.

Apparently in a trance, realizing nothing of what he had done, little Barney Napoli, the eleven-year-old son of Philip Napoli, a baker, of No. 247 Linden street, Brooklyn, who, Wednesday, shot his sister, Josephine, aged nine, to death, was arraigned today before Justice Wilkin in the Children's Court, Brooklyn.

The little fellow, who returned to his home yesterday and begged his father to kill him, was dry-eyed and dazed as he faced the Judge. Detective Woodie, who had arrested him, had sworn to a formal complaint, charging the child with the killing. Woodie explained to Justice Wilkin that the shooting was entirely accidental, but added he had one more witness he wished to see.

"I do not propose to send this boy back to the Children's Society or to commit him to any institution," said Justice Wilkin. "I am going to parole him in the custody of his father, who is in court, to be brought back here before me Monday morning. Till then, unless there should be some development to show the shooting was other than accidental, I shall discharge him."

To Hear "Hal" Chase Case.

Supreme Court Justice Dugro has appointed Alvin Untermeyer referee in the suit for a divorce brought by "Hal" Chase, the first baseman of the Highlanders, from Natalie H. Chase. The couple were married in San Jose, Cal., on Jan. 1, 1908, having met after a baseball game in Jersey City. They have one child, Harold Jr., two years

ashore.

15.—The steamer Philadelphia, which is reported ashore from this port Aug. 11, is reported to have been wrecked on the California coast near Magdalena. The Philadelphia is a freighter of 2,573 tons and carries a crew of thirty-three men.

FORTUNE TELLERS DOWN AT CONEY MUST CLEAR OUT

Magistrate Foretells Unhappy
Future for Them if They
Don't Move.

All Rajah, "Magnetite the Medium" and all the other countless soothsayers who have been prying into the future at the expense of Coney Island visitors must pack up their crystal globes and go. Magistrate Gleason said so in the Coney Island Court today. He said it many times, as he disposed of the cases of fourteen fortune tellers against whom Mrs. Isabella Goodwin of the Police Department obtained evidence.

Mrs. Goodwin was in court, flanked by the "matron squad," which consists of Mrs. Adele Prest and Mrs. May Sullivan, and which aided her in the anti-fortune-teller crusade. She smiled grimly when All Rajah himself stepped majestically before Magistrate Gleason and wriggled through the sloping salama of the Orient.

"This man," said Mrs. Goodwin, who didn't seem to have the slightest fear of a curse being wished on her, "is different than the others—there's more against him. A little over a year ago he was bound over in \$500 bail to keep the peace. That meant he was to tell no fortunes. He waited until the day his \$500 was out of danger and then went to work again."

"We'll give him another year's trial," said Magistrate Gleason. Charles A. Bostwick, who says he is not one of the miserable, future-faking fortune-tellers, but a genuine, reliable, scientific one, came to court well fortified with argument, and also with Attorney Clarence Kempner, Chief Magistrate Kempner's son.

Kempner interrupted him Magistrate Gleason was airing more of his views concerning soothsaying and soothsayers, and himself foretelling a bitter future for them at Coney Island.

"My client is not a fortune-teller," he cried. "He's an astrologer."

"Boah!" returned the Magistrate. "Same thing. It is distinctly against the law to foretell the future for money."

"How about some of the newspapers, then?" Kempner demanded, triumphantly. Magistrate Gleason ended the argument with his gavel.

Sentence was suspended on the unlucky thirteen left by the singling out of All Rajah.

"You've either got to quit telling fortunes or quit Coney Island," declared the court. "If we catch you at the old game again I can tell you now that you'll have to cross the palm of the Law with some large pieces of silver." It is expected that another batch of soothsayers will be gathered in later in the week.

SECRETARY KNOX'S VALET.

One of the Items Attacked in State Department's Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Charges of loose and dangerous practices in the State Department's expenditure of its secret emergency fund were renewed in an informal report to-day by Representative Hamilton of Missouri, Chairman of the House committee which investigated what was termed "the astounding condition of affairs in the department." The investigation will continue next winter.

Mr. Hamilton reiterated that Secretary Knox had used a negro messenger from his department as a valet on his recent Central American trip; that a picture of former Secretary Day, now a Justice of the Supreme Court, had been paid for by a misappropriation for which the committee had recommended the dismissal of William H. Michael, then chief clerk of the department, but now Consul at Calcutta.

"The President seems to have taken no action," was the comment as to Mr. Michael's case.

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